

## North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

Established 2003

## **Committees**

North Carolina's Task Force accomplishes its initiatives by using eight committees designed to capitalize on the experience and expertise of the membership. Here's a quick summary of each committee:

**The Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee's job is to review the work of the committees, strategically plan for future Task Force initiatives, and ensure the financial stability of the Task Force.

**The Education & Training Committee:** The Education & Training Committee is tasked with providing a pertinent educational component for each Task Force meeting, and coordinating training exercises for the membership.

**The Dairy Security Committee:** The Dairy Security Committee develops and coordinates initiatives designed to strengthen the dairy sector of the food supply chain.

**The Recall Enhancement Committee:** The Recall Enhancement Committee seeks to improve North Carolina's ability to respond efficiently and effectively to food product recalls.

**Fresh Produce Safety Committee:** The Fresh Produce Safety Committee seeks new and innovative ways in which to reduce the pathogen load on fruits and vegetables, including leafy greens.

**Inter-Agency Laboratories Committee:** The Inter-Agency Laboratories Committee is tasked with ensuring preparedness for state-operated laboratories by promoting appropriate communication, enhancing emergency response capabilities, and assessing and ensuring laboratory surge capacities.

**The Conference Planning Committee:** The Conference Planning Committee is tasked with developing and coordinating an annual Task Force conference designed to promote information-sharing between stakeholders as well as interstate Task Forces.

**The Outreach and Communication Committee:** The Outreach and Communication Committee develops materials for outreach to industry and consumers and maintains the Task Force website.